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# People of the palace

by Ronnie Woods

## Locals turn tour guides at historical landmark

A HUNDRED local people have been trained as volunteer tour guides to help showcase Eltham Palace after a £1.7m makeover.

They'll be helping to show visitors around the place and put the town centre on the tourist map after the spectacular restoration of the historical landmark.

The volunteers are acting as guides and stewards to help visitors learn more about the Tudor/Art Deco gem which has just reopened to visitors after a £1.7million facelift.

The refit includes a new visitor centre, shop and café and five new rooms unveiled to the public for the first time.

English Heritage carried out the work and recruited and trained the volunteers, whose ages range from 17 to 80. They include students, young mums and retired people. Some show visitors around the house itself and operate multi-media guides, while others work in the grounds. Some volunteers have become more expert on the palace by doing their own research so they can answer any question the guests ask them.

Abi Marsh, London area manager for English Heritage, said: "We are delighted



PALATIAL: The grounds and right, Art Deco interior



We are really pleased so many local people wanted to get involved."

John Kennett, the editor of the Eltham Society's newsletter, said: "We have 500 members, and many have been connected with Eltham Palace ever since English Heritage took it over.

"For all the years that English Heritage has been opening it to the public, our members have been involved in stewarding, guiding and gardening. I hope that as more people come to visit the palace, they will be encouraged to take a walk around Eltham and see some of its historic attractions."

The art deco part of the palace was created for millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld during the 1930s. The restoration includes their luxury wartime bunker, an extensive basement billiards room, and an opulent

walk-in wardrobe.

● People interested in becoming an Eltham Palace volunteer should go to [www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/volunteer](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/volunteer)

so many local people contacted us about becoming volunteers at Eltham. They want to support the palace and be part of our expanding team to showcase this wonderful spot. They are bringing the

rooms to life, and helping visitors and tourists make the most of their visit.

"Lots of visitors ask questions about the local area, and the guides can showcase the rest of Eltham while talking to them.

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To get application forms for postal or proxy votes visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections).

Before anyone can vote they must be registered. Polling cards are currently being sent out. If you need to register you can go online to register to vote at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

To vote in the Parliamentary elections you

must be 18 on polling day and be a British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen.

To vote in the West

Greenwich by-election you must be a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen. The deadline for registration is Monday April 20 but it's important to register as early as possible so that there's enough time for identity checks.

When you apply you will need your National Insurance number to hand if you have one. We will then verify your identity using that number, your date of birth and your name. If you have not been given a national insurance number or don't have one for some other reason, just state that on the application and we will write to you to explain how you can prove your identity using other documents.

Electoral registration applications are made individually. Each resident must complete their own application and agree to the statement of truth during the application. The council is helping residents get

registered to vote this spring and is writing to all residents with information about the registration process, including notification of who is registered at your address.

● **For more information and advice on voting and registration, visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections)**



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DAVID FERGUSON: 'A Spring morning at Lodge Gardens in Abbey Wood.'

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## Tell us the detail of £2.5m plan for Eltham High Street

IN relation to the proposed £2.5 million funding for major improvement schemes for Eltham High Street, I find this of great concern. Firstly, the High Street is undoubtedly the most successful shopping centre in the borough. It actually works very well, and any improvements must be absolutely necessary. I hope the council is not going to puncture the great mix of Victorian, Edwardian and modern mix shopping facades which make it such a friendly place.

Tidying up operations often lead to faceless, boring frontages, so what precisely is the council intending to do with our beloved High Street? A rash of sleeping policemen perhaps? New housing inserting into retail areas? Please publish your intentions clearly, we don't all have email.

Terry Scales, Greenwich

● A council spokesperson said: "We are glad to read that Terry Scales feels that the High Street already functions well. The funding will allow us to make it an even better place. Readers can be assured that we will not do anything to change the mixture of buildings and facades that is an integral of the character of the High Street. However there is a need to improve the public spaces along and just off the High Street in a way that is consistent with the Eltham Masterplan. This could be done by changes such as widening pavements, improving crossing facilities, street lighting, cycling, parking, street furniture and making better use of the spaces and passages off the High Street. We have already been listening and working with local people in the development of proposals and will be undertaking extensive consultation, early in the summer, before the proposals are finalised. We hope that Terry Scales will respond to that consultation."

## ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

April 16 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel, 6.30pm, committee room 4

Overview&Scrutiny, 7pm, committee room 5

April 20 - Planning board, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

April 21 - Woolwich & Thamesmead area planning committee, 6.30pm, council chamber

April 22 - Highways Committee, 7pm, committee rooms 4&5

April 23 - Licensing sub committee C, 5pm, committee room 6

April 28 - Overview&scrutiny call in sub committee, 5.30pm, committee room 4

April 29 - Peninsula & Blackheath Westcombe local housing panel

May 13 - Council Annual Meeting, 7pm, council chamber

May 14 - Licensing sub committee B, 6pm, committee room 6

May 19 - Annual Mayor making ceremony, 7-9pm

May 21 - Licensing sub committee C, 5pm, committee room 6

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

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**FOREVER FIELDS:** Hervey Road residents Max Cook, 17, Ben Cook 14, and George Cook, 11, celebrate with Friends of Hervey Road Sports Field.

# Popular open space protected forever

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**THE London Marathon Playing Field in Hervey Road, off the A207, is now protected forever by the national charity Fields in Trust.**

Working with the Friends of Hervey Road and the council, the Trust has designated the site a 'Field in Trust'. The charity works to protect and improve outdoor recreational spaces in partnership with their owners. Spaces are protected by a legal document which means the sites cannot be redeveloped.

Helen Griffiths, the Trust's chief executive, said: "Fields in Trust is delighted that the Royal Borough of Greenwich has committed to protecting the London Marathon Playing Field on Hervey Road. Our outdoor spaces are increasingly under threat and it is ever more important to safeguard vital green spaces for future generations to enjoy. We hope many more landowners follow Greenwich's example."

One of the council's key aims has been to encourage more sports participation and outdoor activity by investing in sporting facilities and outdoor spaces across the borough. Other key sporting legacy projects already completed include:

- A £6.5million investment in improving sporting facilities in local schools, for example, a new sports hall with spectator

seating at Thomas Tallis Secondary School and a bigger sports hall at Crown Woods, with six new badminton courts

- 'Playground to Podium' programme - £4.8 million investment to provide better sports facilities in our local parks and playgrounds, for example, installing 15 outdoor gyms, refurbishing 23 local playgrounds and 20 tennis courts and providing 6 sets of new cricket nets and 2 full new cricket wickets

- An Equestrian and Horticultural Skills Centre in the Royal Borough of Greenwich as a direct reflection on hosting the Equestrian events and to allow local people to access training courses in Equine Care and land-based activities like landscaping - to translate into real job opportunities

- Forming new partnerships with sports governing bodies to bring new sports activities to the Royal Borough of Greenwich - resulting for example in doubling the uptake of swimming lessons in the Royal Borough

- A £475,000 investment to redevelop Long Lane Junior Football Club

Further sporting projects include improvements to Sutcliffe Park athletics track, opening a brand new leisure centre in East Greenwich with two new pools and a state of the art gym, and continuing to work hard to encourage more participation in sport.





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Any project operating in the borough is eligible for funding provided:

- The group has a constitution or is registered as a charity
  - It has a bank account or will be using the bank account of another organisation
  - The project meets one or more of the funding priorities, which are supporting new and emerging communities to access services, reducing social isolation, supporting people with specific disabilities such as autism or spina bifida or supporting people to understand their rights under the Care Act. The funding is not available to individuals.
- The fund is being managed by GAVS, on behalf of the council, for the next four years.

● To apply go to the News section on the GAVS website at [www.greenwich-cvs.org.uk](http://www.greenwich-cvs.org.uk) and complete an application form.

Applications should be sent to [naomi.goldberg@gavs.biz](mailto:naomi.goldberg@gavs.biz) by June 30. For more information contact [info@gavs.biz](mailto:info@gavs.biz) or phone 020 8309 8231.

# Parental participation



PASS MASTERS: parents receive their certificates, far right, author Christine Brown, left, and family therapist Peter Brown,



**// Our aim was to make this workshop accessible to every parent //**

## New parenting group scores with school families

by Dan Stephens

MUMS and dads of children at two secondary schools have been given pioneering lessons on parenting inspired by Martin Luther King and Gandhi.

Thomas Tallis and Corelli College schools partnered with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team (CAMHS) to put on a 10-week course for 12 sets of parents to enhance parenting techniques. Those who completed the course were

celebrated with a presentation ceremony last month where they met author Christine Brown who has written a number of publications on counselling.

The course helps parents support each other and build school communities. It is hoped that more schools will get involved following the success of the project. Linda

Hafez from Thomas Tallis said: "This is the first time it has been rolled out in school as it is normally only parents within CAMHS that can assess it. Our aim was to make this workshop assessable to every parent. The parents who went on the course have shown commitment to improving their parenting skills and the young people involved have showed dedication in helping their education by looking at their behaviours."

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# Woman jailed for housing frauds

A Kidbrooke woman has been handed a 28-month jail sentence for carrying out housing frauds against both the royal borough and neighbouring Lewisham Council.

Doris Lawson, 56, was a council tenant at Felton House, but at the same time was registered for housing with Lewisham. She was offered a one-bedroom flat at St Johns Vale, Deptford, which she later bought under the Right to Buy Scheme – at a discount of £38,000 on the £140,000 purchase price.

She also made another housing application to Royal Greenwich for different accommodation as her tenancy at Felton House was due to end because the area was being redeveloped. She made no mention of her links to Deptford and the flat she owned at St Johns Vale. Royal Greenwich gave her an alternative two-bedroom home in Southend Close, Eltham.

Royal Greenwich investigators then found this was improper because she had not declared that she owned the St Johns Vale property. Working alongside

## Council tenant gets 28 months

an investigation team from Lewisham, they discovered that her main residence appeared to be in Belvedere, and she had rented out the other two properties.

She was charged with three theft offences and two frauds, but denied them all when she appeared before magistrates at Bexley. The case then went to Woolwich Crown Court, where she pleaded guilty to four of the five offences. The fifth offence remained on file.

She was then sentenced to 28 months imprisonment, serving half in prison and the remaining half on licence. The court was told that both Royal Greenwich and Lewisham councils would be seeking to recover the £38,000 Right to Buy discount and other financial losses totalling £200,000.

John Clark, the royal borough's Director of Housing, said: "Ms Lawson deprived families in both Greenwich and Lewisham of much-needed

accommodation through her greed and selfishness, which led to her being imprisoned. This is a strong reminder that tenancy fraud is taken seriously by us and that every effort will be taken to bring offenders to court and seek the recovery of our financial losses."

**● If you suspect someone of housing fraud call 0800 169 6975, or email [UnauthorisedOccupation@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:UnauthorisedOccupation@royalgreenwich.gov.uk). Any information you give will be treated in confidence.**

## 54 homes retrieved

TWENTY-FOUR council homes including a six-bedroom house were taken back into stock for re-letting between last April and December, after council investigators found they were being sub-let or people were living in them illegally. Another 30 homes, mainly flats, were also taken back for re-letting during the same period after investigators found the people living in them were not authorised to be there.

## Renew your resident parking permit online

Do you live in a controlled parking zone? Residents are reminded that they can now renew and pay for their annual parking permits through the royal borough of Greenwich website 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rather than waiting to renew your permit during office hours, you can access the service at a time that suits you. It's available to everyone in the borough who needs to renew an existing residents' permit, and over 350 residents have already taken up the opportunity to renew and pay online since the new technology launched in January.

After you've applied online you will receive your permit in the post, and it will be valid as soon as it's displayed in your vehicle. This replaces the old system of telephoning or posting your application or coming into a council service centre.

In coming weeks, the council's website will also enable online payments for brand-new residents' parking permits as well as renewals. The improvements are the latest



in a range of quick new ways to apply, report and pay for council services online.

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# All set for the big run

THE borough is gearing up for the Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday week (April 26). Once again, runners in the different categories will start from three points on Blackheath, beginning from 9am.

Some roads in Blackheath, Woolwich and Greenwich will be closed from 7am as the runners take the east to west route through the borough, leaving it at Creek Road, Deptford.

In Royal Greenwich, the roads affected are: Charlton Road / Victoria Way / Marlborough Lane, crossing over Charlton Road (north and south), until 08:45.

Shooter's Hill Rd / Kenya Road / Weyman Road, crossing over Shooters Hill Road (north and south), until 08:45.

Ha-Ha Road / Stadium Road / Repository Road, crossing over Ha-Ha Road (north and south), until 08:45.

Artillery Place / Repository Road / Frances Street, crossing over Artillery Place (north and south), until 08:45.

Woolwich Road / Frances Street / Leda Road, crossing over Woolwich Road (north and south), until 08:45.

Woolwich Road / Anchor & Hope Lane / Charlton Church Lane, crossing over Woolwich Road (north and south), until 09:00.

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Creek Road / Norman Road / Norway Street, crossing over Creek Road (north and south), until 09:15.

Creek Road / Glaisher Street / Gonson Street, crossing over Creek Road (north and south) until 09:15.

From 08:00 the remainder of the road closures will be implemented through Deptford, Rotherhithe, Tower Hamlets, Docklands and the City. Residents will be guided across the

route at identified crossing points. Vehicles cannot travel along the route until the times as shown here for each crossing point:

Red Start Charlton Way 07:00 12:00

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Blue Route: Shooters Hill Road 07:00 12:00

2 Red Route: Little Heath 07:00 12:00

Blue Route: Charlton Park Lane 07:00 12:00

3 Red Route: Artillery Place 07:00 12:00

Blue Route: John Wilson Street 07:00 12:00

4 Woolwich Church Street 07:00 14:00

5 Woolwich Road 07:00 14:00

6 Trafalgar Road 07:00 14:00

7 Creek Road 07:00 14:00.

The Greenwich Foot Tunnel will be closed to people wanting to go north to south. People can only enter it at Cutty Sark and go north over the river. This will be for about two hours from 10am. There is no set time for this as it is dependent on the foot flow demand as people move from the race start across to the other side. This will be managed by London Marathon marshals.

● **TEN runners will be raising money for the South London Special League, the borough-based charity that provides sporting opportunities for adults and young people with disabilities and learning difficulties. The League was chosen by the Mayor, Cllr Mick Hayes, for his year in office. David James, the London Football Association County Development Manager said: "I have seen first-hand the impact of their work. The funds raised will help the league to provide future experiences and opportunities to improve fitness, raise self-esteem and heighten aspirations through the power of football."**

**Anyone who wants to make a donation can contact the mayor's office at Woolwich Town Hall on 020 8921 5023.**



## On court action

by Ronnie Woods

**YOUR SERVE:** local youngsters check out the games pitch with a tennis and below, basketball challenge

DOZENS of young people gathered to play ball on the borough's newest MUGA - multi use games area - last week.

It opened on April 8 when the Charlton Athletic Community Trust opened the new sports court opposite The Valley.

The court was funded by the London Mayor, the Football Association Facilities Fund, Lawn Tennis Association and the royal borough.

Matt Parish, chief operating officer for Charlton Athletic Community Trust said: "With our youth clubs, we have a vibrant offer here and look to add to that with sports activities on the MUGA. We work closely with the local residents and young people and we'll be running organised activities, but when we are not, everyone is free to go and use it."

As part of their link with the Lawn Tennis Association, they are also running training qualifications for coaches.

Steven Churchill, a local PCSO, said: "It's good for the youth. Having something like this where they can come in and play games is good. And if they need supervision we'll be around most of the time as well so they know they are safe."

Harley Bagnell-Taylor, 17, a member of

## Multi games area open in Charlton

Hawksmoor Youth Club in Plumstead, who recently received a Volunteer of the Year Award in the borough's Civic Awards, said: "It's a good cage and when tournaments start being hosted here, a lot of young people will come."

Dave Martin from the Valley Youth Club said: "I think the MUGA is brilliant with a nice layout and lines and proper lighting which most cages do not have. It has lines for net sports like tennis and hoops for basketball so many sports can be played on it. Hopefully this facility will bring more young people outside and encourage them to become more physically active."

● **For more information, call Charlton Athletic Community Trust on 020 8850 2866 or visit [www.cact.org.uk](http://www.cact.org.uk)**



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## Help decide river's future

THE Port of London Authority (PLA) has launched a 12-month project to plan for the future. The River Thames has helped shape the lives of people in Greenwich and Woolwich for hundreds and even thousands of years. Today, the borough's rich maritime past and stunning river frontage are famous

all over the world. And now local people have the chance to contribute to a vision for the tidal Thames for the next 20 years. The authority has started the initiative because it is convinced there is untapped potential for trade, travel, leisure, sport and environmental stewardship. It wants to know what people value about the river, and what the priorities should be. There are three simple questions to answer via a Have Your Say form on its website. The questions are

- What do you value most about the tidal

River Thames?

- What are your top three priorities for the future of the tidal River Thames?
- What would you like the PLA to be doing for the tidal River Thames?

This important first stage closes on Wednesday, May 6, and will help shape the agenda for a series of open forum sessions in May and June.

● To find out more go to [www.pla.co.uk/ThamesVision](http://www.pla.co.uk/ThamesVision)

Have Your Say on the river's future at [www.pla.co.uk/About-Us/The-Thames-Vision/Have-your-say](http://www.pla.co.uk/About-Us/The-Thames-Vision/Have-your-say)

# Army's community champ hangs up his boots

Armed Forces Day Major heads out to Civvy Street



NEW PASTURES: Royal Greenwich Mayor Mick Hayes offers his best wishes and a farewell gift to Major Porter at a town hall reception last Thursday

THE soldier who helped make the borough's Great Get Together and Armed Forces Day such a spectacular joint annual event is leaving the army for Civvy Street.

Major Gerry Porter came to Woolwich in 2007 as the Second in Command at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Repository Road, Woolwich. He told GT: "Since arriving in Woolwich I took over the role as the military focal point for all community engagement events in the borough. The biggest success has been the involvement with the Great Get Together and Armed Forces Day which has gone from strength to strength."

Maj Porter joined the army as an apprentice

by Dick Townsend-Smith

vehicle mechanic in 1971 and progressed through the ranks to be a Regimental Sergeant Major. He served in Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands, and was selected for an officer commission in 1995. Since then he has had roles at both regimental duties and staff appointments including a post as a desk officer with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations United Nations HQ in New York.

He also saw service in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone and Georgia. In 1996 he was awarded the MBE for operational service in Bosnia.

A civic farewell reception was held for him at Woolwich Town Hall last Thursday (April 9), hosted by the Mayor, Cllr Mick

Hayes, who said: "Major Porter won a Civic Award from the council in March 2013 for his dedication and commitment to ensuring the army and the Royal Artillery Barrack are at the heart of the community."

"He has a 'can-do' attitude and he shared a vision with the council to make Armed Forces Day and the Great Get Together a joint event between the army and the community. We expect this year's event on June 27 to attract up to 35,000 people, making it probably the biggest one in London and a day that is very important to the Military."

Maj Porter lives in Eltham with his wife and daughter. He said: "I will remain in the area and I am currently looking for a job, so I'm on the lookout for a potential employer."

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**FAMILY CRAFTS:** left, Sharon Mann from Global Fusion Music & Arts and Emre Zorlu who turned three on April 4, right, Sam Reid, Alannah Malik age 2, Emma Brown, and Jackson Brown age 4, below, sisters Angela Ezimora-West, Amelia Ezimora-West, 3; Tricia Ezimora and Annabelle Ezimora-Ruckert aged 5



# Easter fun for all the family

**VISITORS** to Charlton House over the bank holiday weekend were treated to an Easter extravaganza courtesy of Charlton Triangle Homes and Global Fusion Music & Arts with activities including dancing egg hunts and film screenings.

Good Friday saw a foot-stomping barn dance taking place with music from the Greenwich-based Morrigan Barn Dance Band. The dance was held in the grandeur of The Old Library at Charlton House. The following day saw a full afternoon of activities with over 250 children and adults attending to take part in arts and crafts which included egg painting, egg races, mask making, Easter bonnet making, face painting and Easter cartoon drawing.

The day finished with a fabulous Easter-egg hunt and children's film screenings to keep everyone entertained.

This is the second year Charlton Triangle Homes has funded an Easter weekend of activities and there are many more collaborative projects planned for

the coming months.

Nigel Pierce, deputy director of Charlton Triangle Homes, said: "We are so pleased to sponsor activities like these as they are a great way to engage the whole community. It's great that so many people attended and wonderful that three generations from some families came along to join in the fun".

Mums Sam Reid and Emma Brown added: "It's been great fun and with so many people attending it has been really well organised. The eggs the children received were great and as it was totally free, it was a real bonus".



## GREENWICH WEST COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE

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### DIRECTOR

#### The Person

We are looking for an energetic self-starter who is community minded and who has excellent people skills. That person may have been working with a charity, local authority sponsored project, community organisation or similar environment but have a social entrepreneurial nature. The qualities which will be needed are resilience, financial acumen, team leadership, administrative ability and creative flair. Experience of catering services is desirable, as it is a major area of development.

#### The Job

The post carries a salary range of £55-60K.

Please email or phone Brian Blease for an application form on: 0208 333 0086 or email: b.blease@greenwichwest.org.uk. The closing date is: 26th April 2015. It is anticipated that interviews will be held in the first week in May.

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# Young singers hit the high notes

Young voices prepare to showcase their musical talents at Royal Festival Hall

**MORE** than 400 primary and secondary school children from Royal Greenwich will be taking to the stage at the prestigious Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank for a unique music extravaganza.

The event on Thursday, July 2, will showcase musical talents from 10 primaries and five secondaries. It is called the 'Celebrate Royal Greenwich Singing Spectacular', and is being seen as recognition of how successfully music is taught and encouraged in the borough's schools.

It is being promoted by the Greenwich Music Hub service, which aims to give children and young people the opportunity to take part in music at the highest level.

The concert features a massed choir, a performance by the Greenwich Gospel Choir, the Woolwich Poly Barber Shop, two Acapella songs from Plumstead Manor, the Urban Community Choir from Harris Academy, and St Ursula's Chamber Choir. Also performing is Tommy Blaize, lead vocalist for the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, who will be host for the evening.

The primary schools taking part are Brooklands, Windrush Charlton, Mulgrave, Sherington, Bannockburn,

Deansfield, Halstow, Greenacres, Discovery and Eltham C of E. The other secondary school involved is Crown Woods.

The young performers are already rehearsing. They will be backed by the house band of Hub tutors and professional musicians. Local musical icon Jools Holland has offered the band use of his studio for their rehearsals.

Simon Eastwood, music teacher at both Bannockburn and Halstow Primary, said: "Pupils are so excited. We are very nervous but have been working hard to learn the songs off by heart so that we can give our best performance on the night. We'd like to say a massive thank you to the Royal Greenwich Music Hub for organising this event and for giving us the opportunity to perform at a once in a lifetime event at the Royal Festival Hall."

Sarah French, head of music at Crown Woods Stationers Academy, added: "We are all very excited about taking part in the event. The songs are fantastic and the pupils are really enjoying rehearsals!"

● **Tickets are £10, or £5 concs from [www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/celebrate-royal-greenwich-sin-91237?dt=2015-07-02](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/celebrate-royal-greenwich-sin-91237?dt=2015-07-02)**

**VOICES IN HARMONY:** main pic, pupils from Greenwich primary and secondary schools perform together, top right, Laura Baugh, assistant head of Greenwich music hub and singing strategy leader, bottom right, Tsote Valashiya from Crown Woods, bottom left, Greenacres Primary.



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## Raising autism awareness

THE royal borough marked World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 with an event in Woolwich's General Gordon Square showcasing support services for people with Autism and their carers.

There were information and advice stalls from a range of organisations such as the Greenwich branch of the National Autistic Society, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, the Greenwich Carers' Centre and the royal borough, which runs a range of services for adults and children with autism.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them. People with autism may also experience over- or under-sensitivity to sounds, touch, tastes, smells, light or colours.

● For more information on autism and services for people with autism visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/autism](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/autism) or call 020 8921 3032.



**VITAL SUPPORT:** the royal borough stall provided information about the support available



**EAT WELL KEEP FIT:** locals of all ages take part in a range of activities organised by the royal borough's healthy living service including healthy cooking, walking and sports

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## Hidden gem to be opened up

THAMESMEAD'S hidden gem, the Tump 53 nature reserve, is to have £2,500 spent on it over the next six months to help open it up and make it more accessible to residents.

The nature reserve, just a stone's throw away from Thamesmead town centre, is owned and managed by Gallions, part of the Peabody Group. It is a former munitions testing site which has been reclaimed for nature.

It contains mixed woodland, a glade, a

pond and is surrounded by a reed-fringed moat. It is home to many types of wildlife. More than 60 bird species alone have been spotted, including kingfishers and willow warblers.

The investment by Peabody follows on from November 2013 when Gallions, Trust Thamesmead and the London Wildlife Trust won £50,000 from a People's Millions public vote for their 'Wild About Thamesmead' project. The funding enabled two part-time officers to be taken on, and equipment





# la dolce vita

Healthy lifestyle tips to help you spring into Spring

**The Council are encouraging local residents to spring into Spring!**

And there are loads of free activities to do as a family.

From walking, cycling, swimming and ball games to cookery clubs, they all give you the chance to get out and meet new people and will make you feel happier in your everyday life.

If the sun is shining, make the most of the local parks and open spaces Greenwich has to offer, and try one of Greenwich Get Walking's free walks around the borough.

Funded by the royal borough, they're run by Charlton Athletic Community Trust.

Walking is great for your health and a good starting point if you're not used to doing that much activity. It's a great way to explore what Greenwich has to offer and can also save you money instead of using the car or public transport! The royal borough's Healthy Living Service also runs walks for families from children's centres around the borough so it's a great way to spend time with your kids whilst also getting some exercise at the same time!

● **For more information, and for a full list of all walks available, contact Ollie. [golding@cact.org.uk](mailto:golding@cact.org.uk) or visit [www.greenwichhealthyliving.nhs.uk/walking](http://www.greenwichhealthyliving.nhs.uk/walking)**

If you're looking for something a bit



more energetic than Greenwich Get Active has a wide range of activities for all abilities and ages and for individuals and families. From swimming and cycling, to football and tennis and even things like archery and judo, you're bound to find something to keep you or the kids occupied over the holidays. There are also activities around the borough for people with disabilities. Many of the activities



are free, and if you sign up you receive a year's free support as well as access to vouchers for selected activity sessions.

● **To see the full range of activities available locally, visit [www.greenwichgetactive.com](http://www.greenwichgetactive.com), text ACTIVE to 60066 or call free on 0800 096 5436.**

If you fancy shaking up your mealtimes and experimenting with some new and healthy recipes, you can join a free cookery club where you can also learn about cooking healthy meals on a budget. Clubs are held regularly at local venues around the borough.

● **For more information, or to book a place, call 0800 587 5833.**

The Easter holidays may also give you a



chance to wander around the borough's local markets where you can pick up some fresh, affordable ingredients.

● **If you agree that Greenwich is a great place for good food, then visit [www.goodfoodgreenwich.org.uk](http://www.goodfoodgreenwich.org.uk) and make a pledge to make a small change which can benefit your health, wallet and the environment. This could mean making more meals from scratch, using fresh, local and seasonal ingredients or even growing some of your own food!**

Royal Greenwich's Greenwich Healthy Living website has loads more information about activities that are fun, free and local, as well as more information about living a healthy lifestyle in general.

● **Visit [www.greenwichhealthyliving.nhs.uk](http://www.greenwichhealthyliving.nhs.uk) to find out more.**

1 SPY: Harry Chapman, 11, examines a find at the nature reserve



could be bought to open up the site to local families, school groups and volunteers. More than 1,200 people have walked through Tump 53's door since then, often returning for repeat visits. Stephen Howlett, Peabody's chief executive, said: "Peabody is delighted to be investing in not only residents but the local wildlife and biodiversity offered in Thamesmead. We hope as many people as possible get to sample this hidden gem which is right on your doorstep."



BEAUTYSPOT: young locals explore the flora and fauna at the nature reserve

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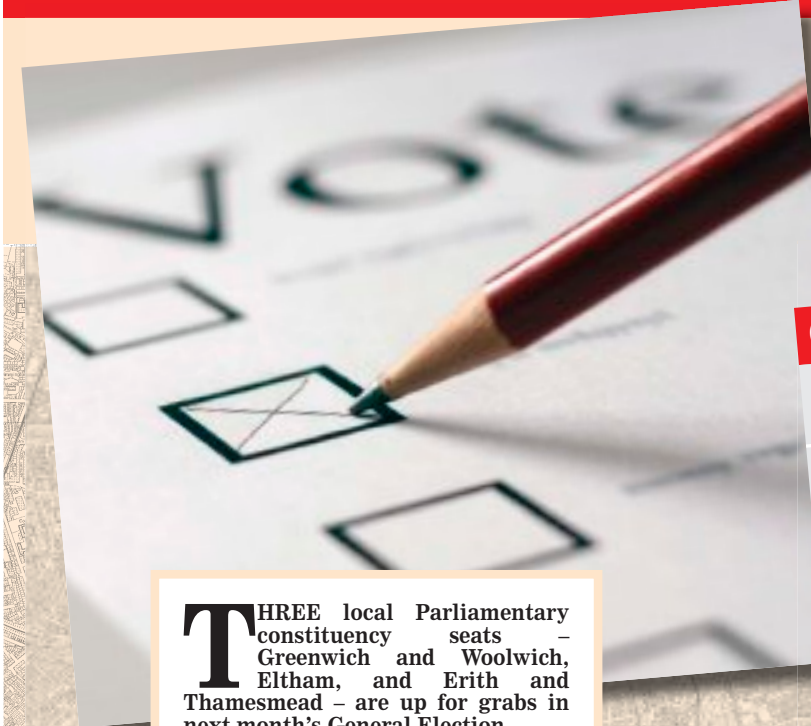
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# Royal Borough of Greenwich p



NOMINATIONS closed on Thursday standing in one of the borough's four weeks to convince local people

**T**HREE local Parliamentary constituency seats – Greenwich and Woolwich, Eltham, and Erith and Thamesmead – are up for grabs in next month's General Election.

But people who are registered to vote in the royal borough's Greenwich West ward will also be able to vote for a new local councillor, in a council by-election which is being held on the same day.

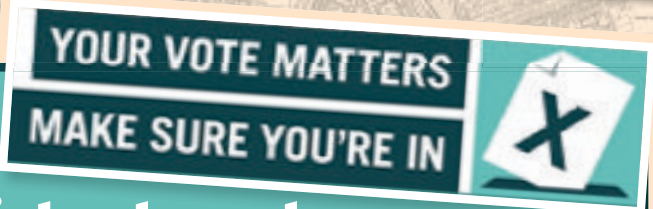
To be able to vote, any unregistered people must have applied by April 20. Registration can now be done online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Electors can vote in a polling station, or by post or by proxy. Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on May 7. The details of your polling station are on your poll card. Most of these have now been delivered, but people who register from now will be sent poll cards later.

Royal Greenwich is the local authority running the election process for the Greenwich and Woolwich seat, and the Eltham seat. The neighbouring London Borough of Bexley is running the process for the Erith and Thamesmead seat.

The local authority running the election sends out the poll cards, postal votes for their postal voters, receives and checks returned postal votes, runs the polling stations and the count, and declares the winner.

Greenwich and Woolwich Parliamentary Election	
<b>Acty</b> Ryan Matthew John	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
<b>Akinoshun</b> Abbey	Green Party
<b>Chamberlain</b> Lynne Christine	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition
<b>Hartley</b> Matt	The Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Holder</b> Tom	Liberal Democrats
<b>Pennycook</b> Matthew Thomas	Labour Party

Erith and Thamesmead Parliamentary Election	
<b>Cordle</b> Sid	Christian Peoples Alliance
<b>Firth</b> Anna	The Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Garrett</b> Ann Christine	Green Party
<b>Johnson</b> Ronie Devere	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
<b>Moore</b> Graham	The English Democrats – "Putting England First!"
<b>Pearce</b> Teresa	Labour Party
<b>Waddington</b> Simon Ian	Liberal Democrats



**Register to vote**  
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## Erith and Thamesmead Polling

**T**he Royal Borough of Greenwich would like to remind residents living in the Erith and Thamesmead Parliamentary constituency that Bexley Council are responsible for sending out poll cards to all registered electors.

This is the case whether you are a resident in the London Borough of Bexley or the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The inclusion of the words "London Borough of Bexley" on poll cards for the Erith and Thamesmead parliamentary constituency just means that Bexley

Council has issued them.

This will not affect your right to vote as normal.

Please also remember that if you are registered to vote, you do not need a poll card to you polling station simply turn up and provide your name when asked by staff at the polling station.

● **Any resident wishing to check the details of their polling station can visit [gov.uk/findpollingstation](http://gov.uk/findpollingstation)**



# Parliamentary elections 2015

ay (April 9) for the candidates who are  
three Parliamentary seats. They have less than  
ole to vote for them on May 7, Polling Day.



## Eltham Parliamentary Election

<b>Cunliffe</b>	
Alexander Martin	Liberal Democrats
<b>Drury</b>	Spencer
Clive Stanley	The Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Efford</b>	
James David	Labour Party
<b>Parker</b>	
Peter Robin	Green Party
<b>Whittle</b>	
	UK Independence Party (UKIP)



## Voting at a polling station

**YOUR** poll card will tell you which polling station to go to.

Usually this is a local school or community centre within a few minutes' walk of your home. Most polling stations are accessible to people with mobility disabilities, and in some cases temporary ramps are provided for Polling Day. You can also find your nearest polling station online by going on the council website

at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections2015](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elections2015)

If you have registered to vote you should have received your poll card through your letterbox. If you are not on the electoral register, then you cannot vote.

You can take your poll card with you when you vote, but you are not required to do so.

If you don't have your poll card with you but you have registered to vote then your name and address will be on the register. This will be checked by the clerk when you arrive.

If your poll card does not arrive in time, or you have forgotten which polling station to go to, contact the electoral office via the council website.

## Greenwich West Council By-Election

<b>Butler</b>	
Paul Stephen	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
<b>Charles</b>	Christina
<b>Dunlop</b>	Sonia Karin
<b>Kasab</b>	
Sara Margaret Cheal	Independent
<b>Khan</b>	Mehboob
<b>Stott</b>	Robin
<b>Turrell</b>	
Thomas Frederick	Liberal Democrats
	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition
	Labour Party
	Green Party
	The Conservative Party Candidate

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## Postcard picture perfect



ARTISTS of all mediums and standards still have time to submit works to a unique exhibition next month.

Postcard-sized images are flooding in to the Art Hub Gallery for its third annual charity postcard auction Keep Me Posted! But exhibition organisers are still accepting miniature pictures, and artists have until April 18 to submit up to three original postcards in any medium measuring 4x6 inches.

Images will be displayed at the Creekside Gallery over the May Bank Holiday weekend May 1-4 and there are prizes to be won with a judges award and an award from exhibition visitors up for grabs.

The charity event and auction is in aid of The Ahoy Centre, the Deptford sailing centre and the Deborah Ubee Trust, a local counselling charity.

It's open to everyone - whether you are a budding artist keen to have your work in a professional show or want the chance to own a small but stunning piece of artwork.

All postcards are exhibited anonymously with amateurs displayed alongside established artists with visitors to the auction invited to bid for their favourite postcard.

Sarah Durham, Art Hub Studio artist and curator of the show said: "We are always amazed by the quality of the work submitted which just seems to get better each time. This year we are thrilled to announce artists Paul Fryer, Humphrey Ocean and Miranda Argyle will be our judges. Not only does this give the participating artists the opportunity to win prizes but also for their work to be seen by these professionals. As well as this selection process we will have a People's Prize judged by everyone who visits the gallery."

For more information on the event including how to enter visit [arthub.org.uk](http://arthub.org.uk)

Keep Me Posted starts with a Grand Opening from 6 - 9pm on Friday 1 with the exhibition open from May 2 - 4 Sat/Sun/Mon 12 - 5pm. Further details at [www.arthub.org.uk](http://www.arthub.org.uk)

## SCENE



EVENTS centered around dance, literature and theatre help to kickstart this year's Royal Greenwich Festivals.

There are major events taking place over the second May Spring Bank holiday weekend at the start of a Summer extravaganza of performing arts and outdoor events with activities and performances for all ages and interests.

The annual event, supported by the royal borough, is a showcase of local, national and international artists working with local organisations to entertain, enthral and involve.

The Royal Greenwich Festivals is the umbrella title for the series of themed festivals covering everything from dance and literature to child and street theatre to music and film as well as celebrating and highlighting the borough's diverse cultures, beautiful parks and open spaces.

The Greenwich Dance and Greenwich Book Festivals launch on Friday May 22, followed by the Greenwich Children's Theatre Festival on Saturday May 23.

Everyone's invited to get moving at Greenwich Dances as local people dance alongside world-class performers.

Events for the diary include:

**fitting** - follow the performers in and around Greenwich for the London premiere of this performance trail by Austrian company Willi Dorner Sunday 24 & Monday 25 May.

**Family Cabaret Uncovered** - a family friendly collection of FREE dance, circus and music performances. InSt Alfege Park, Monday May 25.

**Border Tales** - an engaging blend of dance, dialogue and live music from Luca Silvestrini's award-winning

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April 18 - Jade Bultitude, flute

April 23 - Trinity Laban. Naufal Mukumi, piano

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### WOOLWICH

Into the Deep, an exhibition of works by a

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# Festivals fever

AWARD-WINNING: dance company Protein in action on stage  
Pic: Jane Hobson

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[www.greenwichdance.org.uk](http://www.greenwichdance.org.uk)  
[info@greenwichdance.org.uk](mailto:info@greenwichdance.org.uk)

Discovery is the theme of the inaugural Greenwich International Book Festival hosted by the University of Greenwich in the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College. The three-day event includes meet-the-author sessions, workshops, and a chance to meet your favourite book characters.

Information and booking details at [greenwichbookfest.com](http://greenwichbookfest.com)

Young theatre audiences are also the focus of next month's events when Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre and Greenwich Theatre join forces once again to create an action packed Children's Theatre Festival!

Featuring some of the UK's finest children's shows, there's also a range of activities for children, families and young adults starting with the Big Workshop Day on May 23; a day full of free family

friendly workshops from parkour to magic, puppetry and costume making at various venues. Suitable for all the family, it's a chance to try something new. It's followed by a week of great theatre and arts shows at Greenwich Theatre and The Tramshed, Woolwich but in various outside locations too.

Sign up for the workshop via [GLYPT.org](http://GLYPT.org) 020 8845 1316 [www.glypt.co.uk](http://www.glypt.co.uk)

Details and tickets for Children's theatre events at [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk) or 020 8858 7755.



## HUMAN(ities) nature

YOU may recognise a few people you've seen around town if you go to the Human(ities) photographic exhibition at Greenwich Heritage Centre this month.

Three members of the Focus Finder Photography Group, Goretti Pereira, Sandra Marques and Karolina Stonkiene are currently presenting this fascinating work revealing and detailing different approaches and interpretations in their expression of concepts of identity. They deliberately set out to question our place in this world by directly challenging preconceived models of identity. Goretti spotlights an often overlooked and ignored subject - the elderly. She shows a snap moment of close-knit groups enjoying each other's company around General Gordon Square and a person alone, sometime lost in contemplation. Sandra gives us varying views, some quite disturbing, of the human being as a scientific, almost alien form with a picture of an eyeball contrasted with a very touching photograph of feet!

Karolina's works are a fusion of photography and darkroom work producing images to form a character portrait of her subjects rather than just a face. Some are of feelings, others depict the drudge of daily life and how she perceives some of her subjects.

All work features the local area and I'm sure you're bound to recognise more than a few people who you may not know but are familiar faces you pass every week.

Phil Barker

Human(ities) is on in the Berkeley Gallery until April 24 at the Greenwich Heritage Centre

Visit [www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org)  
tel: 020 8854 2452

# WHAT'S ON

### WOOLWICH

Woolwich Singers Community Choir meetings Public Hall, Wellington Street, Weds 6.30 - 8pm, £2. No membership or auditions. Call Wendy 07812 477 775 or visit: [www.woolwichsingers.co.uk](http://www.woolwichsingers.co.uk)  
Greenwich YMCA - Men in Sheds project for over 50s, Thursday 10am-2.30pm. Call Steve Paxman on 020 8294 3011

### WOOLWICH

Focus Finder Photography Group Human(ities) exhibition at the Berkeley Gallery, Greenwich Heritage Centre until April 24, Tuesdays to Sundays 9am-5pm. Free. Tel 020 8854 2452

### GREENWICH

Sunday evening chamber music, Steinberg Studio, 137 Vanbrugh Hill, £10 booked online in advance, April 26 - violin and piano recital, [www.steinbergduo.com](http://www.steinbergduo.com)

### BLACKHEATH HALLS

Music Appreciation Classes with Matthew Taylor Mondays, 10 am. Individual lectures can be booked. Call Lionel Lewis 020 8297 1075, email [LJL@lioneljlewis.org.uk](mailto:LJL@lioneljlewis.org.uk)

### BOB HOPE THEATRE, ELTHAM

Wythfield Road, May 31 - Comedy @BHT, £10 on the door, prebook £8  
May 13-16 - Be MY Baby, £9  
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### GREENWICH

Fan Museum, 12 Crooms Hill Waterloo: Life&Times commemorating the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo until May 5 [www.thefanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.thefanmuseum.org.uk)

### GREENWICH DANCE

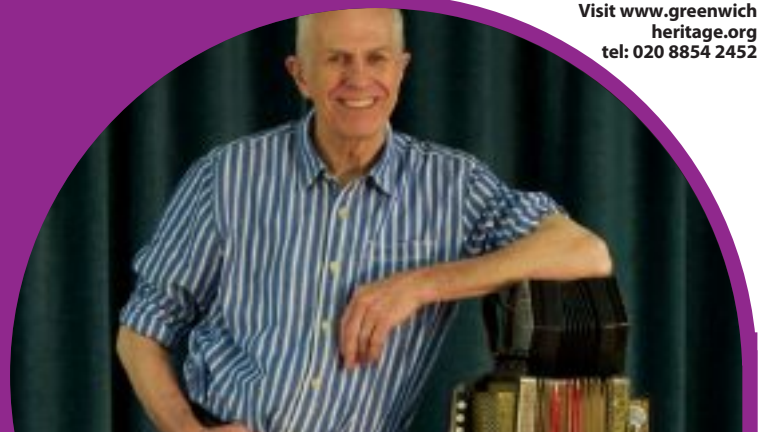
The Borough Hall, Royal Hill  
April 18, 2-4.30pm - Tea Dance, £5  
Visit [www.greenwichdance.org.uk](http://www.greenwichdance.org.uk) or call 020 8293 9741

### ELTHAM

Age UK Bromley & Greenwich Zumba Gold classes Tuesdays 2-3, £6. Ideal for people 50+. Call Yvonne Conway 020 8315 1850

### ROYAL BOROUGH

May is Walking Month, free walking for fitness, local history and photography walks, [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/walkingmonth](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/walkingmonth)



To celebrate St George's Day on April 23, Global Fusion Music & Arts have invited one of the living legends of the English Folk scene John Kirkpatrick to perform at Charlton House on Friday April 24. John is best known for his days in Steeleye Span, The Richard Thompson Band and the Albion Country Band. He'll be joined by local folk artists, MC Mike Porter (the man with the golden voice) who runs the Folk nights for GFMA, The Meantime, close harmony group, singer/songwriter Ben Longman and Morriagan

who launched their new album on the GFMA Record label at last December's Wassail Night. GFMA project manager Louisa Le Marchand said: "John is one of the most prolific figures on the English folk scene, performing solo, in duos, acoustic groups and electric bands, and has established an enviable reputation as an instrumental virtuoso and session musician, as well as a leading interpreter of English folk music." A Feast of Folk runs 7-10pm, Admission £8 or £7 concs available on the door or at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)



**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –  
SECTION 14(1)  
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Norman Road SE10**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order for a Road closure required to place a mobile crane on the highway to dismantle a tower crane at the Durkan site, 31-43 Norman Road, SE10 9JF. (The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Norman Road from 33 to 43).
2. The above restrictions would only apply and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 14th May 2015 and would continue to be in force for 18 months or until works are completed whichever is sooner, however the works are expected to be completed within 2 days.
4. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, affected traffic would be diverted via Creek Road and Greenwich South Street, pedestrians will not be affected.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5359.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
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Dated 6th April 2015  
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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH – COUNCILLORS'  
ALLOWANCES 2015/16**

Under the procedures required in The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council has determined with effect from 13 May 2015 for the Municipal Year 2015/16, that the allowances payable under the Members Allowances Scheme should be frozen and remain at the same amount as those for the previous year. The Scheme also provides for the payment of travelling, subsistence and dependents' carers' allowances where out of pocket expenses are incurred in carrying out official duties. In making the Scheme, the Royal Borough complied with its duty arising under Regulation 19 to have regard to the recommendations of an independent remuneration panel established by London Councils.

	Royal Borough of Greenwich Scheme £pa
<b>Basic Allowance payable to all Councillors</b>	10,210
<b>Special Responsibility Allowances:</b>	
Leader of the Council	52,458
Deputy Leader	33,514
Cabinet Member (x 8)	22,119
Chair of Scrutiny & Overview	22,119
Chair of the Planning Board	18,178
Leader of Opposition (largest Minority Party)	18,176
Chair of Highways	9,849
Chair – Pension Fund Investment and Administration Panel	9,849
Best Value Review Team Chairs (x 3)	1,522
Scrutiny Panel Chairs (x 6)	9,849
Leader of second largest Minority Party	5,623
Chief Whip of the Council	5,623
Licensing Sub-Committee Chair	1,522
Mayor	9,849
Deputy Mayor	1,522
Minority Party Allocation (each party comprising 4 or more Members)	5,623
Independent Person to Advise the Standards Committee	1,536
Independent Chair of the Standards Committee	1,536
Independent Member of the Standards Committee (x 2)	762

Copies of the Council's Scheme for Members' Allowances, and details of the allowances paid to individual Councillors during the financial year 2014/15 may be inspected at the Council's offices at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW after 1 April 2015.

John Comber  
Chief Executive  
Date: 27 March 2015



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# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

**Edition 438**

## BIDDING FOR PROPERTIES

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**First Band A, followed by Band B both in priority date order.**

**Those in Band C will then be considered in registration date order.**

Please note that there will still be some properties with age restrictions so only people of this age group can apply for these.

### BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

1

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

**[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)**

2

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

**[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

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### Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website **[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

**The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at midday. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 19 April 2015.**

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes  
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone  
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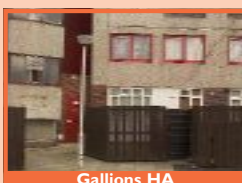
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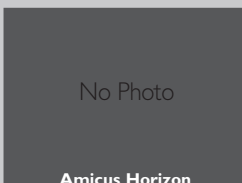
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The property reference will be on the advert and your applicant number is on the letter we sent to you when you registered for housing.

A successful bid will look like this:  
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Under the conditions of your tenancy agreement, you have a responsibility to leave your property in an acceptable state of repair. We may visit you to check this. If we consider your property is in an unacceptable condition, you may be prevented from moving or be recharged for work.

### To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

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- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

### Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on **020 8921 4661** and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

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# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## Affordable Homes

Please note any Housing Association properties advertised in this way will have a higher rent charge



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Ref Number: 199632  
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Ref Number: 199633  
**Swingate Lane SE18**  
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**Affordable Housing**  
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Ref Number: 199634  
**Garrick Drive SE28**  
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Ref Number: 199635  
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**Peabody Trust**  
Ref Number: 199638  
**Martin St SE28**  
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Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£180.00 pw**



**Affordable Housing**  
**L&Q Housing Trust**  
Ref Number: 199647  
**Vanbrugh Hill SE10**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg No Pets  
**£146.02 pw**



**Affordable Housing**  
**L&Q Housing Trust**  
Ref Number: 199648  
**Vanbrugh Hill SE10**  
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg No Pets  
**£146.02 pw**



**Affordable Housing**  
**L&Q Housing Trust**  
Ref Number: 199649  
**Vanbrugh Hill SE10**  
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Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg No Pets  
**£146.02 pw**

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In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at [www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)

## MOVES ACROSS LONDON

The housingmoves scheme is run by the Greater London Authority and is aimed at social housing tenants who want to move from one part of London to another.

Priority is given to people who:

- have more bedrooms than they currently need
- want to move to be closer to employment or higher education
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Tenants must have a clear rent account and no on-going record of anti-social behaviour.

Royal borough tenants can register on the scheme and bid for council or housing association property in other parts of London. To register your interest please visit:

**[www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)**



**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## IMPORTANT POLICY INFORMATION FOR THOSE AWARDED PRIORITY

**When a priority is awarded, you will receive one offer of accommodation.**

The following rules are used to allocate properties to applicants in Bands **A**, **B** and **C**, to make sure the Council makes best use of housing stock to meet needs.

- Two children (whatever gender) under 10 years old can share a bedroom
- Two children (same gender) under 16 years old can share a bedroom
- Two children of opposite gender where at least one is 10 years old or over need a bedroom each
- Each person over 16 years old needs their own bedroom
- A couple and lone parents need one bedroom
- Expected babies are counted as a person from the six month of pregnancy
- Band C applicants - Houses are allocated to a household with children (aged 15 or under)

Only RBG tenants who currently occupy houses in bands **A** and **B**, will be considered for rehousing to another house. All other priority applicants will be considered for flats or maisonettes.

Note: There are separate Allocations Policies for applicants with priority from regeneration areas.

### Like for Like Moves

Council tenants housed through priority Bands A & B, are generally offered a similar type of property to that they currently occupy, of the size they require. This is because rehousing is being offered to meet safety or other needs, rather than to provide more desirable housing. Tenants, who want to move to improve the quality of their accommodation, must do so through Band C, where applicants are housed in date order.

**For full details on our policies, please see the Allocations Scheme which is available on the Royal Borough of Greenwich website**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 435

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Brookhill Road SE18 6TU	2	FLAT	316	17/08/2010	C
Cotterell Court Southern Way SE10 0DW	2	HOUSE	596	05/02/2008	C
Macallister House Wrotesley Road SE18 3UB	2	FLAT	340	08/01/2015	B
Griffiths House Mayplace Lane SE18 3TR	2	FLAT	280	03/03/2015	B
Greyfriars House Coleraine Road SE3 7NX	2	FLAT	454	14/02/2014	B
Gavin House Plumstead High Street SE18 1SP	1	FLAT	535	24/12/2009	C
Greenwich High Road SE10 8JE	2	FLAT	399	29/04/1991	A
Coldharbour Crest Great Harry Drive SE9 3JF	2	FLAT	346	31/05/2011	B
High Grove SE18 2PU	2	FLAT	439	18/08/2014	B
Armitage Road SE10 0HJ	1	FLAT	624	16/02/2004	A
Turton House Barnfield Road SE18 3UG	2	FLAT	213	12/08/2010	C
Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA	2	FLAT	280	09/07/2007	A
Ritter Street SE18 4DT	3	HOUSE	499	13/02/2009	C
Tuam Road SE18 2QY	2	FLAT	308	05/03/2015	B
Acworth House Barnfield Road SE18 3TP	1	FLAT	405	26/05/2011	C
Wilmount Street SE18 6EN	1	FLAT	449	12/12/2014	B
Wilmount Street SE18 6EN	1	FLAT	378	25/03/2015	B
Nightingale Heights Nightingale Vale SE18 4HH	1	FLAT	439	07/03/2005	A
Southwood Road SE9 3QN	1	FLAT	550	19/01/2011	B
Bissextile House Bliss Crescent SE13 7RH	2	FLAT	323	30/01/2015	B
Woodhill SE18 5HW	2	FLAT	399	31/03/1980	A
Gallions View Road SE28 0DD	1	FLAT	512	18/07/2008	C

### For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team

on: **020 8921 2941** or email:

**housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk**

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**WALKING WONDERS:** fundraisers of all ages including three CAFC Legends: l-r Richard Rufus, Simon Webster, Carl Leaburn

# £15,000 raised for Charlton Upbeats

Supporters  
back charity  
walk event

**CHARLTON Athletic supporters have showed incredible generosity by backing a charity walk to the tune of over £15,000.**

*by Dan Stephens*

Thanks to the support of fans and local people, an impressive £15,220.63 was raised in support of Charlton Upbeats Day, which raised funds and awareness for the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) Down's syndrome project called the 'The Upbeats'.

Taking place on World Down's syndrome day, the eight mile sponsored trek from the club's Sparrows Lane training ground to

The Valley involved 175 participants and coincided with the fixture against Reading, which the team won 3-2 in an entertaining encounter.

With an original target of raising £10,000, this remarkable figure shows just how generous and supportive the fans of Charlton Athletic are. The funds raised ensures that the Upbeats programme can continue to run, creating further opportunities for talented footballers. This includes the Kent Pan Disability league in Faversham that

The Upbeats currently compete in, plus their training programme that runs every Saturday at Sparrows Lane.

Charlton CEO Katrien Meire, who was one of the notable names leading a walking group, couldn't have been happier with the event and the generosity shown by so many. She said: "I think all of this is what Charlton is about. It is fans and community doing something extra that other clubs aren't doing. The money that it has raised so far shows this perfectly, so I'm really happy".

● **For more on CACT visit**  
[www.cact.org.uk](http://www.cact.org.uk)

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**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010**  
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**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT**  
Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the Library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the icons below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

**Date: 14/04/2015**  
Mike Hows - Chief Planning Officer

**Publicity For Planning Applications**

<b>Applicant:</b> Mr R Kullar <b>4 VAMBURGH HILL, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3</b>	<b>15/0377/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Construction of single storey first floor restaurant addition along with basement enlargement and improvements.	
<b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WESTCOMBE PARK	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr & Mrs Guadagnuolo <b>38 GREENWICH PARK STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9LT</b>	<b>15/0437/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Formation of a second floor rear roof terrace.	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> EAST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr & Mrs Creer <b>29 BLISSETT STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 8UP</b>	<b>15/0617/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Construction of a single storey side infill extension.	
<b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Paul Rhodes London Limited <b>WAREHOUSE, HOSKINS STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 9PS</b>	<b>15/0622/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Installation of replacement roof covering.	
<b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> EAST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mrs J Pelly The Royal Parks <b>GREENWICH PARK PLAYGROUND, PARK VISTA, GREENWICH, SE10</b>	<b>15/0651/V</b>
<b>Development:</b> Variation of condition 1 (Hours of Operation) of planning permission dated 02/02/15 Ref: 14/3554/F) to allow working hours from 0600 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays or region as designated.	
<b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> GREENWICH PARK	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr J Randall-Schab <b>FLAT 14, UNDERCLIFF, 71 BLACKHEATH HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8TQ</b>	<b>15/0685/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Installation of replacement UPVC windows and a door.	
<b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	
<b>Applicant:</b> Thomas Zemlickas <b>4 SHRAPNEL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LB</b>	<b>15/0860/F</b>
<b>Development:</b> Erection of a single storey rear garden outbuilding.	
<b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1BA	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRESS ESTATE	
<b>Publicity for Listed Building Consent</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Borough of Greenwich <b>BLACKHEATH MEMORIAL, MAZE HILL/CHARLTON WAY, BLACKHEATH, SE3</b>	<b>15/0574/L</b>
<b>Development:</b> Installation of ten 1000mm x 175mm diameter cast iron 'Benedict' bollards with link chains to the front of the war memorial.	
<b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> GREENWICH PARK	
<b>Listed Building:</b> Grade 2	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Matthew deLange <b>11 ST GERMAN'S PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0NH</b>	<b>15/0662/L</b>
<b>Development:</b> Structural repairs to front extension roof, raising of eaves and railings and replacement of garage door with pedestrian door.	
<b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
<b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH	
<b>Listed Building:</b> Grade 2	

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To read GT online scan  
this QR code or go to[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/greenwichtime](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/greenwichtime)YOUTH ON HER SIDE: Olivia  
celebrates success at an  
event last year

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karate but once she tried judo, at the young age of six, she "loved it and has never looked back". Judo's origins date back to the late 19th century, the literal translation, "gentle way". Its Japanese founder, Jigoro Kano, emphasized "efficient use of energy" its application primarily defensive. An opponent's attack can be transposed against him, a violent lunge, reversed. But in addition to physical well-being and strength, there's a spiritual and moral dimension. It builds confidence, awareness and deep self respect and as such it transcends the pure physical. Olivia concurred: "It has become not only my passion but my way of life too".

But commitment and effort are not the only requirements the financial commitments are extensive. "There's the gym fees, the training camps, flights and hotels and before you know it becomes really expensive," Olivia explained. But Olivia has been lucky in her search for sports sponsorship with assistance from both Sport Aid and Greenwich Starting Blocks. GSB provides bursaries to promising young athletes and has been "essential experience in developing my judo", Olivia added.

Awards for 2015 are due to be presented to athletes at varying stages of their development at a ceremony later this week with Olivia up for an achievement award which includes free membership to gyms in the royal borough.

But for now, it's more schoolwork before a busy July with both the European Championships and European Youth Olympics. "I just need to maintain the form I've been showing" she went on, "and hopefully I'll perform at my best". Whilst she's too young for Rio in 2016 Olivia looks a good bet for Tokyo 2020.

● To find out more go to  
[www.greenwichstartingblocks.org](http://www.greenwichstartingblocks.org)  
[www.sportsaid.org.uk/regions/london/athletes/profile/olivia-piechota](http://www.sportsaid.org.uk/regions/london/athletes/profile/olivia-piechota)

## Are you ready for the new drug driving law?

On March 2nd 2015 a new drug driving law will come in to force which will make it illegal to drive with any trace of drugs such as cannabis, cocaine & MDMA in your bloodstream.

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## Topsy-turvy!

Judo star juggles school and training with support from Greenwich Starting Blocks

by Richard Morgan

HOW we all enjoyed watching the 2012 Olympics. Mo Farah's remarkable double, Jess Ennis and her stunning heptathlon, Gemma Gibbons and her memorable silver. What was not on display were endless hours of training, the staggering commitment, the doubts that inevitably surface.

Aspiring Olympian Olivia Piechota is hoping to follow in Gemma's footsteps. The 16-year-old judo athlete said "I train five nights a week for two hours after school" explained. "If you add

in the travelling – I live 30 miles from my club – and schoolwork, my schedule is really quite busy", she added, surprisingly brightly.

Currently 11th best in the world in her age group, her record is remarkably good. Seven times Great Britain Champion she won bronze in Zagreb at the European Cup, silvers in both the Matsuru Dutch Open and the Portuguese European Cup. "Luckily," Olivia added, "I enjoy travelling, meeting new people and visiting new countries and representing England and GB is an honour".

Olivia tried many sports from dancing to

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**WALK THE FLOOR:** the 16-year-old in action on the dojo

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